Close circuit TV and cameras at stations

†586. SHRI KALRAJ MISHRA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any plan to install close circuit T.V. and cameras in order to check the crimes at important stations; and

(b) if so, the categories of stations where these are to be installed and the estimated costs thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Railway-wise position about close circuit television and cameras to be installed over Zonal Railways Stations is as under:—

Rly./Stations	Total Expenditure (Rs. in lakh)	Rly./Stations	Total Expenditure (Rs. in lakh)
North Western Railway Jaipur, Jodhpur Ajmer and Bikaner	Rs. 10.33/-	**South Western Railway** Bangalore	Rs. 28.56/-
Western Railway Church Gate, Mumbai, Bandra, Baroda, Ahmedabad Ratlam, Indore, Bhavnagar, Botad and Verawal	Rs. 123.77/-	**South East Central Railway** Bilaspur	Rs. 10.00/-
Southern Railway Chennai	Rs. 11.07/-	**North Frontier Railway** Guwahati and Dimapur	Rs. 17.19/-
		North Eastern Railway Gorakhpur and Lucknow	Rs. 22.58/-
		North Central Railway Agra, Jhansi, Gwalior and Sitholi.	Rs. 56.18/-

Pathankot-Jogindar Nagar railway line

†587. SHRI KRIPAL PARMAR: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any plan to lay a railway line for connecting a religious place named Dhotsidh with whole country through railway route from Pathankot-Jogindar Nagar railway line via Ranital and Jawalamukhi in view of negligible expansion of railway in Himachal Pradesh;

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(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU); (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) In view of constraint of resources and large throwforward of on-going projects, it is not feasible to consider construction of the proposed new line.

Petition against Banerjee Committee Report

588. SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that following the findings of the U.C. Banerjee Committee that the Godhra train fire was caused by accident, certain intellectuals and journalists have petitioned Government to free the persons incarcerated on the suspicion of causing the fire and paying compensation to such persons; and

(b) if so, the details in this regard and Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Ministry of Home Affairs has referred the petition to the Government of Gujarat for comments.

Railways' safety measures

589. SHRIMATI JAMANA DEVI BARUPAL: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether he has prepared a comprehensive plan with a policy thrust on safety measures;

(b) whether Railways have decided to install new devices for interlocking system at 1550 stations nationwide;

(c) if so, whether new system could affect better operational efficiency, flexibility and greater safety by providing quick route setting on the pressing of entry and exit key on a central control panel;